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## CRIMINAL OR CRAZY.

The REPUBLICAN is not disposed to sneer at the aspirations of men like Eugene V. Debs who hope to demonstrate the possibility of founding and perpetuating a social commonwealth, but in view of the utterances of that individual on Monday when the organization of his new undertaking was effected in Chicago, and the declaration made by him at the late miners' convention in Salt Lake, the conclusion is a charitable one that he is losing his mind. It is not enough to know, as everybody does, that the promoter of the proposed commonwealth is lacking in discretion and sound judgment; he is either crazy or he is a sane, deliberate and dangerous anarchist.

Any man in the heat of passion may say things for which he should not be held strictly accountable, but if he persists in declaring his determination to resist the power of the government under which he lives and in inciting others to adopt his treasonable views, he becomes a traitor and should be treated as such.

The folly of Debs in taking the position which he has of avowed hostility to the government is monumental. A vast majority of people, even of those who are lacking in faith in the feasibility of his proposed socialistic program, have a feeling of not unfriendly interest in the outcome of an undertaking which has for its alleged purpose the remedying of admitted evils in the competitive system. Many of the most skeptical are willing to see the socialist theory given a fair test, and would not knowingly throw any obstacle in the way of making such test. But Debs, with a few scorn for friendly public sentiment, throws down the gauntlet at the very outset, and announces that he only awaits the successful establishment of his commonwealth to meet any conflict between its rules and the laws of the land with armed resistance. In brief, coupled with his so-called peaceful revolution is a deliberate program of rebellion.

The result is inevitable. It is not within the bounds of reason that any state will welcome invasion by a social democracy that has among its purposes a declared intention to offer armed resistance to the laws of the land, and if such a thing were possible the widespread opposition with which it would meet because of its anarchistic spirit would seal its doom.

The case of Debs appears to demand investigation by a commission of inquiry. The occupation of Walker's pass by an engineering corps of the Southern Pacific Company is reasonably construed as an indication that the company is formulating the purpose of the Santa Fe system to connect with the Valley road and thus secure the extension of its line to San Francisco. It is well understood that Walker's pass affords the only remaining practical outlet at the southern end of the San Joaquin valley, and if its possession can be secured and maintained by the Southern Pacific Company the advent of transcontinental competition from that direction will be effectively blocked. As a matter of course the purpose of the latter company can only be ascertained, but in view of the approaching completion of the Valley road to Bakersfield and the probable purpose of the Santa Fe to secure connection therewith, the impression that the Southern Pacific is preparing to combat that undertaking appears to be well founded. At any rate future developments in that locality will be watched with more than ordinary interest.

Mr. Trustee Joe Spinnery wants to keep on good terms with the *Expositor* it will be necessary for him to retire that gorgeous grin of his. The evening paper relates in an injured tone that at the council meeting last Monday night Spinnery grinned when the matter of the purchase of a chemical engine came up, also when the invitation of the Fourth of July committee was read, when the purchase of horse for the fire department was discussed, etc., etc. Of course all this grinning was wrong. The purchase of chemical engine, the opening of bids for applying the fire department with hose, and the acceptance of Fourth of July invitations are solemn matters, calculated to compel tears rather than smiles. If Spinnery wants to please the *Expositor* he will take lessons in Dolomite expression, or something like that. At all events let him crawl under the table to grin—if grin he must—while anybody from the *Expositor* is around.

The Connecticut legislature has voted to pay \$3000 to seventeen newspaper correspondents who reported the proceedings of the session, and this display of fraternal feeling and mutual appreciation between the legislator and the newspaper man may be taken as the best evidence yet given of the elemental brotherhood of man and the existence of a touch of nature which makes the whole world kin.

Or of that delicate touch which makes the whole world kin the other fellow. But to bring the matter nearer home, what vicious piece of extravagance is this compared to the economy of the California legislature. Just think, for instance, of our late session of lawmakers voting \$300 apiece to the correspondents of the San Francisco *Examiner*.

Some one has recently invented a stove with which, by means of salt, a small quantity of ice and a patent chemical, he proposes to produce an immense degree of cold. The stove, so called, can be made so cold that if a hand be placed upon it the skin will instantly be stripped, as in contact with hot iron. It is claimed that with this stove the temperature of a room, in hottest weather can be run down to any point desired. With a stove of this sort, a well-supplied sideboard and plenty of illustrated papers, the attractions of the seaside would be very slight for residents of the warm interior.

*Tax Register* of Tulsa says that hog cholera is about as great an enemy to the farmer as is the plutocrat. Quer, though, that a disease which makes one class of hogs fat and kills another is equally disastrous to the party who feeds them.

Tax three saloons in a South Dakota town are owned by the mayor, marshal and city clerk. When a political parade is on the program there is no expense for coal-oil torches. Prominent citizens carry their noses.

Some statesmen think they are aiming high when they are merely playing to the galleries.

## THE ANNEXATION TREATY.

The virulent criticism to which the San Francisco *Examiner* is subjecting those who oppose the annexation of Hawaii cannot but make the judicious grievers. According to that paper the opponents of annexation are rascals in the pay of the sugar trust. It brings the lash down upon public and private men alike, and the idea never seems to occur to it that the punishment is out of all proportion to their crime. It may be a serious matter to hold opinions on public questions different from those entertained by the *Examiner*, but do the dissenters really deserve to be excoriated on that account? Is not the *Examiner* instead of being a third Ohio this *Examiner* is merely a second Therapist?

There is, in fact, plenty of room for a wide difference of opinion on this question of the annexation of Hawaii. It is the REPUBLICAN's belief that the majority of the people in this country view the proposed acquisition of the Sandwich Islands with doubt if not with disfavor, though many are reconciled to the coup as a necessity of the situation. Very many may be dependent upon, however, to vigorously oppose annexation to the very last, yet unless one is possessed of the gift of prophecy and knows that these people are opposing a policy that will bring ruin, safety and prosperity to the nation, he has no right to condemn them in the sweeping terms employed by the San Francisco paper.

Many good citizens and honest patriots see in this annexation scheme a departure from one of the fundamental principles of this government. They see in it the inauguration of a policy foreign to the intention of the founders of the republic, and which, if persisted in, will lead ultimately to disaster, though its immediate results may be material profit and glory. While these people are very likely unduly alarmed, their protests should not be rudely swept aside, nor should it be attempted to gag them. There are others who oppose annexation because they fear the unrestricted competition that will ensue between the cheap labor of the islands and the labor of this country. While they acknowledge the commercial advantages it would bring about, they doubt if they would outweigh the disadvantages caused by the competition referred to. Still others base their opposition upon the fact that annexation would increase the number of undesirable citizens, which is already too large.

The chief argument in favor of the annexation of Hawaii is that it would give the United States, and it is a very important one, too. A thorough examination of the question in its different bearings would probably result in the conclusion that this single advantage in favor of annexation outweighs all the alleged disadvantages. We shall not always be at peace with other nations who hope this lives in a fool's paradise and in order to be on something like an equal footing, as regards naval operations in the Pacific, with other great powers, a large coaling station midway between our western coast and the eastern coast of Asia is an absolute necessity. Undoubtedly the sooner we have such a stopping place for our warships, the better it will be for us.

But, whatever the fate of the annexation treaty, let us at least discuss the question with fairness and decency. We are convinced that if the influential newspapers of the country availed themselves of the *Examiner* style of argument in favor of the treaty it would not stand the ghost of a show of being adopted.

Mr. C. Bateman, of Maine, late Populist candidate for governor of that state, has made some charges reflecting upon the good faith and integrity of W. J. Bryan, which demand and will doubtless receive an answer from that gentleman. The charges are of a such nature, being characterized by the Populist leader as forgery and bribery, that it goes beyond the bounds of reason to suppose that Mr. Bryan will not meet them with a satisfactory explanation.

The charge of bribery is founded upon the declaration by Bateman that Bryan's recent gift of \$1000 to the Populist national committee was given in consideration of a district agreement that no action was to be taken against him by that party at its next national convention. It may be said in regard to this that more evidence than the uncorroborated charge will be required to convince the public that the late Presidential candidate has been a party to such a transaction, but the accusation is nevertheless of such a nature that proof of its falsity is necessary.

The second charge is that Bryan has added Bateman's name as a signature to the Populist letter of notification, which he did not in fact sign. This the Maine Populist denounces as a political forgery. Mr. Bryan's answer to these charges will be awaited with interest, and doubtless it will be promptly forthcoming.

That was an excellent business committee the Bryan committee on arrangements of Fresno sent to the northern valley towns in order to induce them to help defray the expense of the special train that is to bring the famous Nebraska orator to this city. The charge for the special car is \$225. Stockton has promised to pay one-third of this amount, Modesto \$30 and Merced \$50. Modesto, which is still to be "approached," will probably give as much as Modesto. This would leave a balance of \$40 for the Fresno Bryanites to pay, and Fresno is to have Bryan for seven hours, while Stockton is to have him only four hours and the smaller towns from 20 to 30 minutes. So while the Nebraska friends here will have to pay but a little over nine cents a minute for his society and words of wisdom, Modesto will have to pay for him at the rate of \$1 a minute. But why did not the committee also visit Herndon, Athol and Carey? It might have obtained enough money from them to make up that balance of \$40, and Fresno would then have the satisfaction of hearing the great leader "free, gratis, for nothing."

The REPUBLICAN is in receipt of a pamphlet on "The Problem of Municipal Government," as illustrated by the Municipal Government of San Francisco. It is a melancholy subject, and we shall pigeonhole the pamphlet until some gloomy December day.

The Hawaiian government has not the strength to resist foreign aggression from the Japanese or any other formidable source, and the time has come for this government to accept the appeals of the little republic to be made a territory of the United States. Ordinary prudential dictates annexation, and the advantages it offers are not of little consequence.

The North Carolina senators both voted for the protection of cotton. And so it goes. The necessity of protection is admitted everywhere.

## IN UNION IS STRENGTH.

The grape growers of Santa Clara, Napa and Sonoma counties are evidently men who are alive to their own interests. They held meetings a few days ago at San Jose, Calistoga and Santa Rosa and resolutions were adopted in each place pledging the growers not to sell a pound of grapes to anyone not a member of the California Winemakers' Corporation. This corporation was organized two or three years ago, when the price of wine grapes was as low as \$5 a ton, and the almost immediate result was that the price was increased to \$17 and \$30. While previous to 1886 the wine industry appeared to be on its last legs, so to speak, it is now in a fairly prosperous condition. This great change was entirely due to the united action of the growers. The well attended and enthusiastic meetings held in the places before mentioned show that the growers appreciate the benefits that have accrued to them through this policy and are by no means disposed to relinquish their duty on foreign wool. They know as much about the prices of wool as the free trader does, and that prices are only ruinously low when foreign competition is wholly unrestricted. For four years past they have suffered impoverishment and they do not expect munificent profits in the future. They are only asking for a chance to live, and that they will get.

Some such plan as pursued by the growers of wine grapes must be adopted by the growers of raisin grapes before the latter will derive all the profits to which they are justly entitled. If the viticulturists of northern California can combine for self protection, why cannot those of the San Joaquin valley do the same? To say that united action is impossible is to question the intelligence of our raisin growers. It is true that several attempts in that direction have failed, but we do not believe that that will be the inevitable result. The new tariff on raisins and Zante currants cannot but prove beneficial to the California raisin industry, but as long as the growers fail to unite for the purpose of adopting a uniform system of disposing of their product that long will they fail to get out of the industry that is in it.

LABOR COMMISSIONER FITZGERALD seems to be an official who tries to earn his salary, which is more than he can do of many others, but he ought to be a good deal more careful in his investigations into labor conditions. Recently he telegraphed to Washington a statement that from 95 to 98 per cent of the labor employed in the best fields of California is Japanese and Chinese, and that as matters stand the new industry is hardly of any benefit to white laborers. It turns out that at China there is not one Chinaman or Japanese working either in the field or in the factory. P. W. Morse, assistant secretary of the best sugar factory at Watsonville, says that in that locality 41 per cent of the beet is handled by white labor. This refers to the field. In the factory 950 men are employed, and they are all white. E. C. Barr, manager of the factory at Alvarado, declares that out of 650 farmers in that district having tracts only one is known to employ Japanese. On by far the larger number of farms the work is done by the farmers and their families. It is stated that Mr. Fitzgerald has discovered his error and withdrawn his statement. It is to be hoped he will exercise more care in the future. Let him thoroughly investigate all reports regarding the condition of labor in this state before he rushes with them to the printer or telegraphs them East.

The *Tulsa Register* thinks that ex-President Cleveland should write the history of his two administrations now, but should not have it published until after he is dead, so that he may, undisturbed by the jeers of his enemies, lean over the battlements and watch them squirm as they become conscious of the castigation inflicted by the posthumous publication. That is a very pleasant suggestion, indeed, for Grover, but



**HANNIBAL PHIFER.**

Colored society was out in full force on Thursday night to witness the execution of S. C. Hannibal of Fowler at the State Prison.

place at the A. M. E. chapel, Seren N. Marsh officiated. Leading members of the most exclusive circle in the colored society of the city were present quite a number of fashionables. The evening being cool, no décolleté gowns were worn, the toilets were none the less elegant on that account.

The ceremony over, copyable couples assembled at the little's mother, Miss Annie's home, for a social gathering. The little's mother, Miss Annie, was a sweet, kind, and hospitable woman, and she was the center of the little's mother's social life. The little's mother, Miss Annie, was a sweet, kind, and hospitable woman, and she was the center of the little's mother's social life.

and Mrs. Hannibal will  
 friends will be at home  
 The bride received the follow-  
 ings: Miss A. Gains, a set  
 of towels; Miss F. Darton, china va-  
 se; Miss W. Walton, engraved butter  
 dish; Miss F. Pruitt, set of glasses; Mrs. A. Y.  
 a set of china plates; Mr. and Mrs.  
 McKie dish and cut glass fruit di-  
 sh; Mr. E. Young set of silver; Mr.  
 George C. Shells; Miss M. Gains, a  
 cup and saucer; Mrs. E. L. T.  
 a flower pot; Mrs. E. Henderson  
 table spread; Mr. and Mrs.  
 Gaudin, goldfish metal holder.

**Afternoon.**  
The body of Andrew Jackson  
ment of whose death at Gr  
was made in the REPUBLICAN  
day, arrived from Madera ye  
The funeral will be held this a  
at 2 o'clock from the Pres  
churab. Miss Louisa, a daught  
deceased, is very ill at home  
this reason the funeral will not  
from the residence.  
Mr. Bearden died of acute pa  
after an illness of five days.  
been prospecting and the expos

**SOME MINING NE**  
**PROSPECTING IN THE**  
**RIVER COUNTRY.**

Development Work Being  
in the Trimmer Spring  
Neighborhood.

City Clerk Shanklin returned  
yesterday from a trip to the Klamath  
country, where he went to look  
some mining claims of his about  
miles northwest of Trimmer's  
Mr. Shanklin reported great  
in this district and says prospects  
very numerous. He believes

"The ore in our claim assays \$150 to \$11 a ton. Of course the specimens here and there that assay as high as \$15,000, but the average about \$7.50, which is very good. There is plenty of development work in that neighborhood and the ore has in all cases been very extensive. A Mr. Balfour has a particularly good claim near the springs, the ore there assays \$30 a ton. Then there's a Mr. Baker, who has a promising prospect on the Bonanza claim. I heard he is to sell soon, and at a good price. Barkley and Melvin Clark are

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smiths on the north; and as for the coal, the other fuel used in the city, why that can be made right at the doors. I think that we shall smelter sooner or later any time soon as we succeed in calling the attention of capitalists to our resources and their development in earnest, a smelter will be an absolute necessity."

Three weeks to the corner of Mariposa streets, where it will be occupied by St. Augustine's academy, the school term begins next week. The new building which will be located on the vacant block between Mariposa and Washington streets, the construction of a sanitarium was begun several years ago, but ended when the walls had been raised a few feet.

The academy has occupied a adjoining the Catholic church establishment of the school in and the accommodations were limited by reason of the increase number of pupils. More room was absolutely necessary.

The Sisters intend to open school in September and this will be a further increase of scholars. Contributions and tuition for special advanced courses will be dependent upon the success of the school in securing the institution.

A license to marry was issued today to Frank B. Hecox and Miss R. Southwood of Fresno.



## VICTORIA REGINA.

## A Festival in Honor of the Jubilee.

ALSO CELEBRATES  
Complimentary Speeches and Toasts  
in Which Patriotic Sentiments Abound.

From Wednesday's Daily. If Queen Victoria's dominions are not materially enlarged this morning there is no virtue in liberal expansion of the loyal hearts born under the Union Jack; and, possibly in some instances, the enlargement of heads is taken into consideration the omission of the Queen will be called upon to incorporate new territory by conquest and possibly, in some instances, by prior right of discovery.

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## THE NEW FIRE HOSE

## CONTRACT AWARDED TO THE EUREKA COMPANY.

Mark Walser Threatens an Injunction Suit.

The Price \$1000 for 2000 Feet. The contract for furnishing the fire department with 2000 feet of hose was awarded to the Eureka Fire Hose Company by the city trustees yesterday.

The matter of deciding upon the bid had been referred, with power to act, to the fire and water committee, which consists of Trustees Austin, Chittenden, and Spinnery, and the city engineer, and the board of trustees yesterday.

The board was in session about three hours, each agent being given all the time he desired to speak before the trustees. The board of trustees yesterday.

## AT EASTON.

The Queen's jubilee was celebrated enthusiastically at Easton last evening. People from the surrounding colonies were out in large numbers, and the celebration was held in the beautiful park opposite the school house, and consisted of a concert by the orchestra and appropriate exercises.

The concert was an excellent one. The orchestra consisted of seventeen men who reside in the vicinity of Easton, and the vocal soloists were assisted by the choir of the church.

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## TWO NEW MINING COMPANIES.

## The Miners Must Give Up Their Vast Wealth.

From Wednesday's Daily. A number of enterprising Fresnoans have long contemplated the work of developing the vast wealth of the Minaret, northeast of Fresno, and are now on the eve of a visit thereto, accompanied by experts, to sample the ore and report on its vast and unquestioned possibilities.

There is no question that as a mineral belt this region is truly wonderful, but it has not received the attention that it merits owing to the fact that it is in the mountains and the demonstration of the fact that roads may be easily built thereto has induced enterprising men to take up the work of exploiting that mining field to the extent of filing a claim in a proper public notice, and a party will go to the Minaret at an early date.

Yesterday the articles of two mining corporations were filed with the county clerk, each to run for a term of fifty years, the capital stock of each being \$100,000.

The first is the Minaret Silver and Copper Mining Company, to which the subscribers are: C. J. Kirk, \$20,000; W. H. Hulse, \$20,000; C. H. Hulse, \$20,000; M. P. Minor, \$20,000; W. S. Lowden, \$20,000; A. M. Clark, \$20,000; Mrs. Sarah J. Kirk, \$10,000; and Mrs. Irene Tinnin, \$10,000.

## TOLL HOUSE ITEMS.

## A Heavy Crop on the Mountain.

The weather has been fine here since the little rain last Monday night. It snowed enough to cover the ground and trees on the same night.

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## "WAS AFRAID OF PAPA."

## Fear of Wife-Beater Holmes' Little Son.

SOUGHT REFUGE WITH MRS. KIRK Against One Another Before the Supervisors.

The Parents Air Their Grievances. A little boy came running into the school superintendent's office at the court house yesterday afternoon, all out of breath and his face bearing an expression of great fear. Mrs. Kirk, who was alone in the office, quietly asked, "What is it?"

"My papa is after me, and I'm afraid he's going to take me," the little fellow managed to reply between his breathless gasps. Mrs. Kirk saw that the boy was very much frightened and kindly invited him to take a chair. She then asked who he and his papa were.

"I'm Willie Holmes and my papa is Mr. Holmes," the lad answered. "I'm afraid he'll come and take me, and I don't want to go with him. He beat my mama and papa says he's going to take me home."

As the boy disconnectedly spoke these sentences he cast nervous glances at Mrs. Kirk, as if he were expecting to see his dreaded parent there. Noticing this, Mrs. Kirk took the little fellow into the superintendent's private office and assured him that his papa would not be able to find him there.

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